THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Rule 28 of the Model Rules, 2001 framed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 provides for setting up of children homes and specifies the physical infrastructure of homes like separate facilities according to age group of children, standard of accommodation, adequate lighting, ventilation, heating & cooling arrangements, drinking water and toilets and other facilities like clothing & bedding, nutrition, medical facilities, education, vocational training, counseling, recreation facilities, which are to be provided to the children staying in these homes. All the State Government run homes as well as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) set up under the above said Act, are run as per the provisions of the Act & Rules.

(c) and (d) The State Govvernments review and monitor the day to day functioning of those homes through State, District or City level Inspection Teams constituted under Rule 29 of the Model Rules, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and share the information with all concerned. As and when Central Govenment calls for information, the State Government pass on this information.

(c) to (g) The Ministry has got monitoring and inspection of the homes conducted recently through its officials, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations, etc. to review the basic facilities available in these homes as well as implementatin of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in the State.

Setting-up of Juvenile Justice Boards

282. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have constituted State Juvenile Justice Boards so far, as required under the law;

(b) by when other States are expected to consitute similar boards by the end of August, 2007, as stipulated in the law on the subject; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government against the States which fail to fulfill their obligations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the information available in the Ministry, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Delhi, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Orissa, have constituted the Juvenile Justice Boards in some districts as provided for under Section 4(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

(b) As per the provision of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006, in the remaining States, the Boards are to be constituted in every district within the period of one year from the commencement of this Act.

(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)' for implemetation during Eleventh Plan Period under which there is provision to provide financial assistance

to the State Governments/UT Administrations to facilitate setting up of Juvenile Justice Board in each distirct and to ensure their effective functioning.

Diversion of ICDS food

283. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the startling revelation made by Uttar Pradesh Government officials in the press in December, 2006 the nutritious food meant for children under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is being used illegally to fatten the cattle of rich and influential persons;

(b) if so, whether it is a major contributory factor for undernourishment of 52 per cent children of Uttar Pradesh, and 28 per cent of under-5 deaths in Uttar Pradesh out of 2.5 million such deaths annually in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure that nutritious food under ICDS is not diverted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such report has come to the notice of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Notification of Rules under Juvenile Justice Act

284. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary rules have been notified to make effective the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006;

(b) if so, whether detailed guidelines have been issued to State Governments to initiate immediate action to constitute/recognize specialized adoption agencies, district-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring mechanism at State/Central level would be set-up to oversee the functioning of new adoption procedures to achieve the envisaged objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 are under preparation.

(b) Guidelines will be issued only after the Rules are finalized.

(c) Section 62A of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 provides, "Every State Government shall constitute a Child Protection Unit for the State and, such Units for every District, consisting of such officers and other employees as may be appointed by that Government, to take up matters relating to children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law with a view to ensure the implementation of this Act including the establishment and maintenance of homes, notification of competent authorities in relation to these children and their rehabilitation and co-ordination with various official and non official agencies concerned".